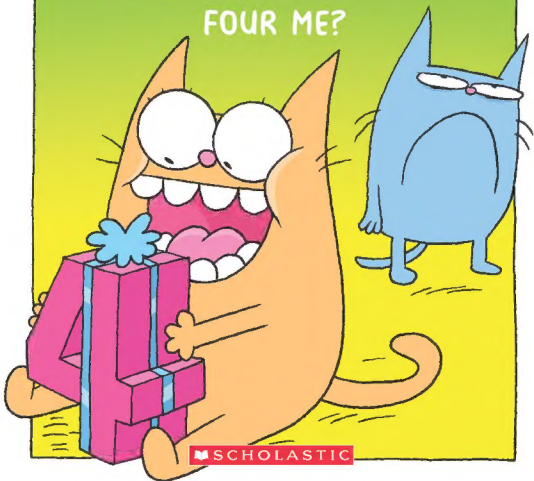


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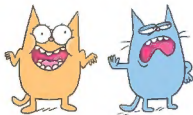
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WHO I THINK WOULD HAVE LIKED THE BURP JOKE.

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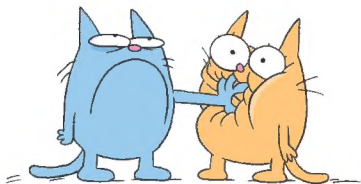
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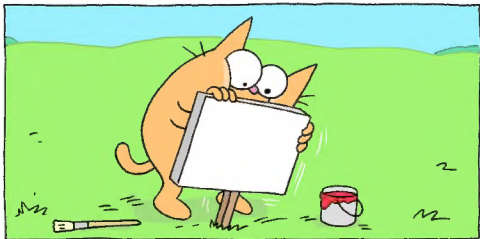
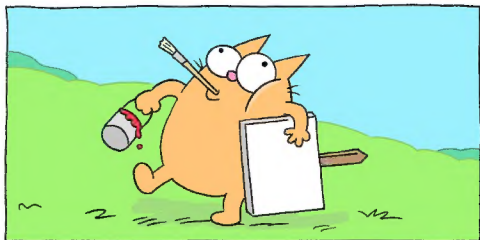
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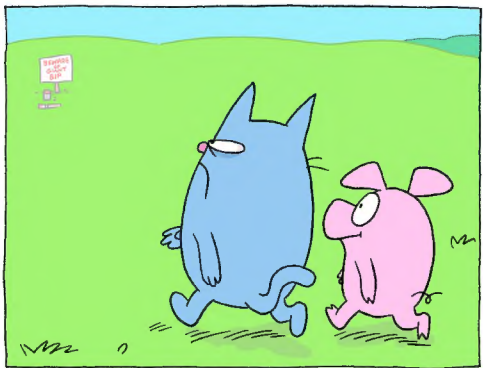


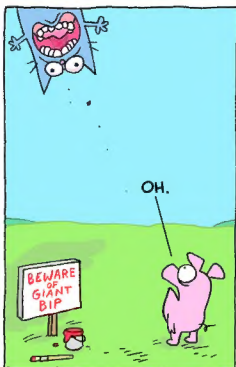
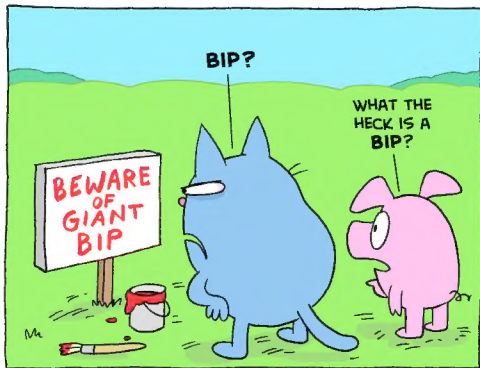
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BEWARE







GOLF

SPECIAL SOCKS



SPECIAL
UNDERWEAR



SPECIAL PANTS



SPECIAL
HAT



NOW I'M
READY TO
TEACH YOU
GOLF!

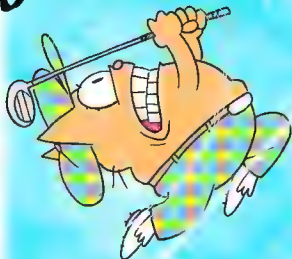




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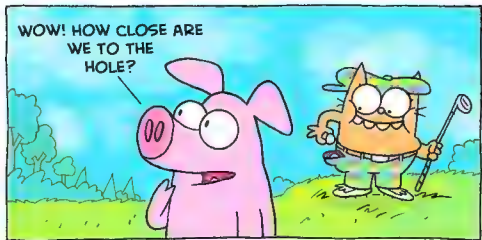
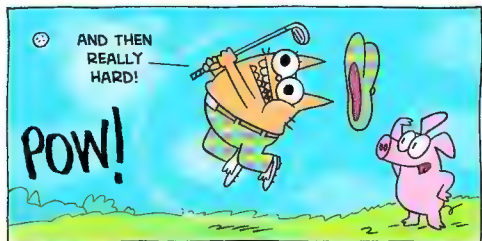
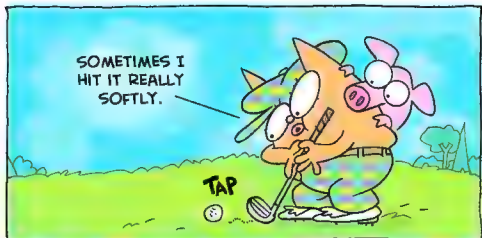
BLAM



BANG!

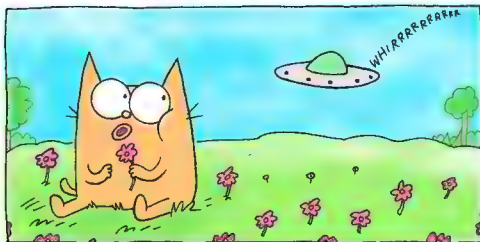
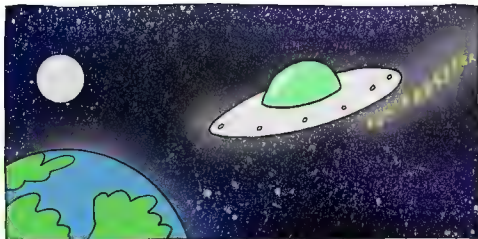
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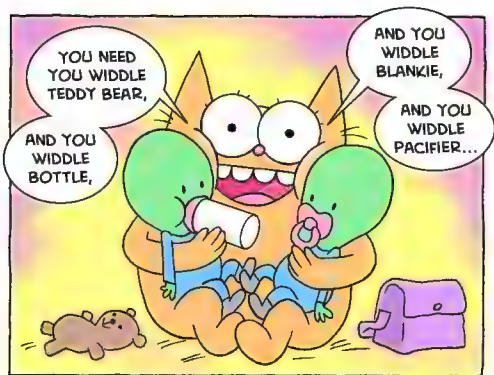


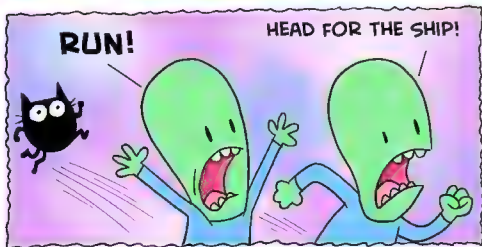
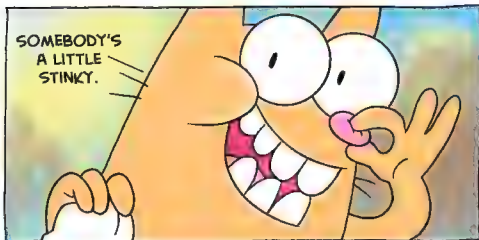


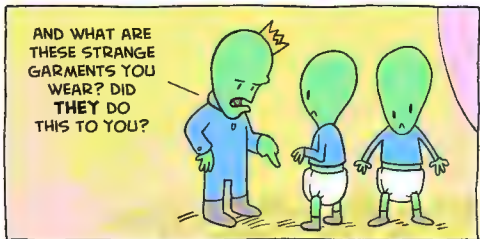
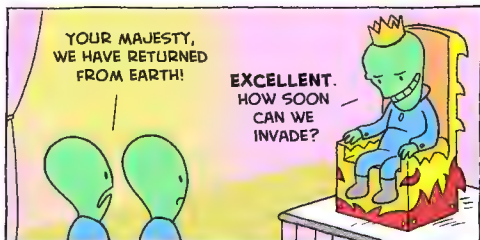


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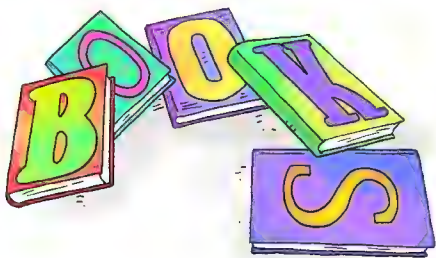


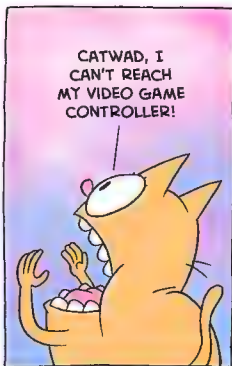
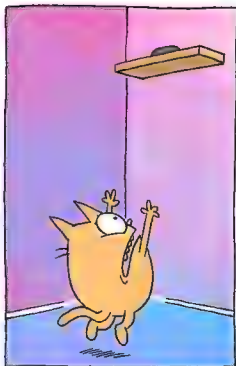


COULD WE **PLEASE**
NOT TALK ABOUT
THE DIAPERS?

IT'S PROBABLY
THE MAIN REASON
WE DON'T WANT
TO GO BACK.







BUT I'M
BORED.



YOU EVER
HEAR OF
BOOKS?



THAT'S A
GREAT
IDEA!

WELL, I HAVE
A LOT OF
GREAT IDEAS.



WOW. THAT'S A
LOT OF BOOKS!



WELL, YOU
DON'T WANT
ME TO BE
BORED,
DO YOU?



I MEAN,
THE BOOKS
WERE
YOUR
IDEA.



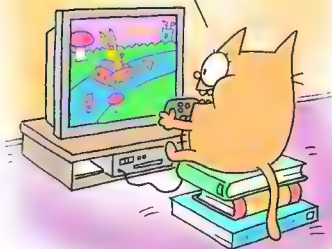
OKAY. I'M
JUST GLAD
YOU'VE DISCOVERED
AN APPRECIATION
OF BOOKS.



I SURE
HAVE!



I'M PRETTY
SURE I'LL NEVER
BE BORED AGAIN!



**the
new
game**



BEEP BLEEP BLOOP
BEEP BLEP
BLEEP BLAM!
ZIP BLIP
BLIP



BUZZ
BEEP
BLOP
BIP
ZING
BLONG
BEEP

HEY, BLURMP—YOU WANT TO
CHECK OUT THIS NEW GAME?
YOU FACE TOUGH CHALLENGES AS
YOU ADVANCE THROUGH
A STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS
WORLD.



AND YOU
CAN ACQUIRE
VALUABLE
TREASURE.



AND IT'S
MULTIPLAYER.



WELL, WHERE
IS IT?

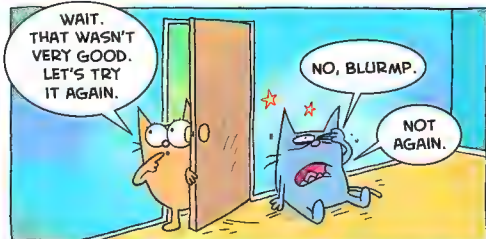


WHERE?

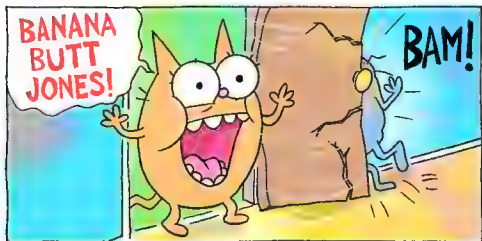




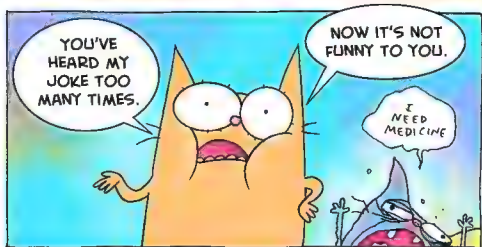








BAM! WHAM!
POW! BANG!



I'LL HAVE TO
DO THE NEXT
JOKE IN MY
ACT.

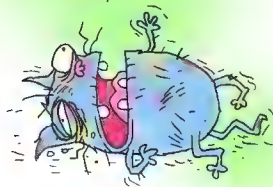
**KNOCK
KNOCK!**

NO...

**PICKLE
BOOTY BOB!**

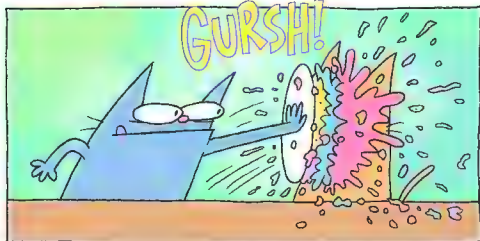
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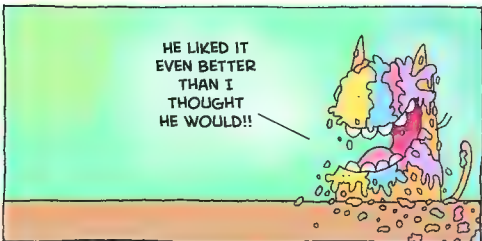
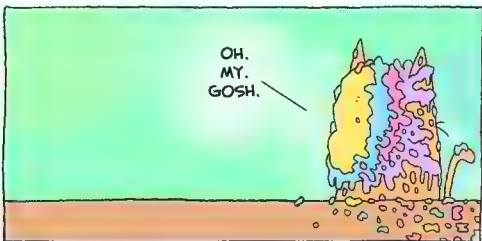
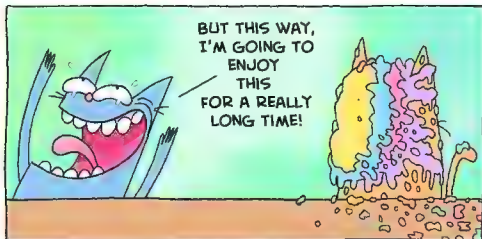
Who's
there?



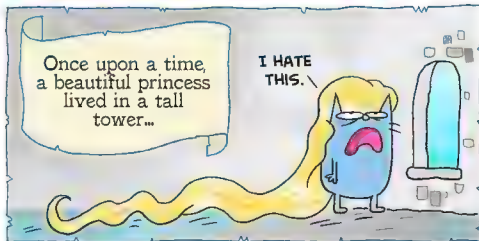








RAPUNZEL



And she had
long,
beautiful
hair.

GROSS.

One day, a handsome
prince arrived on a
beautiful horse.

And he
said...

RAPUNZEL, RAPUNZEL,
LET DOWN
YOUR HAIR.

And Rapunzel
said...

WAIT. I KNOW
WHAT SHE
SAID.
SHE SAID...

I CUT IT
INTO AN
**AWESOME
MOHAWK.**
SO BEAT IT,
PRINCE.

WHAT.

And then she tied
up the prince
with all the hair
she cut off.



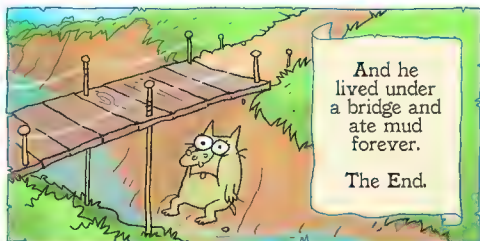
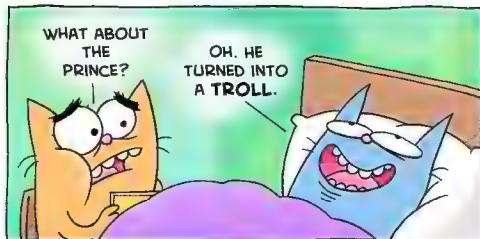
And she took
his horse and
left for the city
and she opened
a hair salon...



...where she
gave all the
other
princesses
awesome
Mohawks.



And
they all
lived
happily
ever
after.

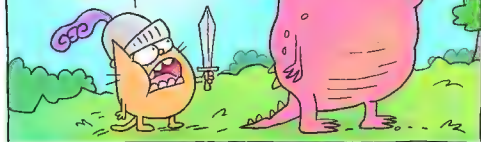


The DRAGON

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YOU'RE THE LYING
DRAGON, AND
KING CATWAD WANTS
ME TO GET RID
OF YOU.

WHY?

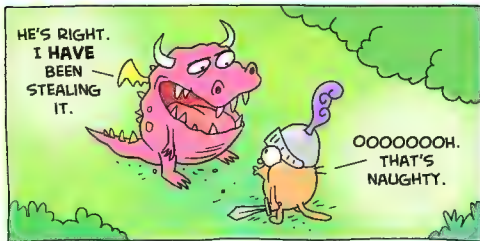


HE SAYS
YOU'VE BEEN
STEALING HIS
GOLD OR
SOMETHING.



HE'S RIGHT.
I HAVE
BEEN
STEALING
IT.

OOOOOOOH.
THAT'S
NAUGHTY.



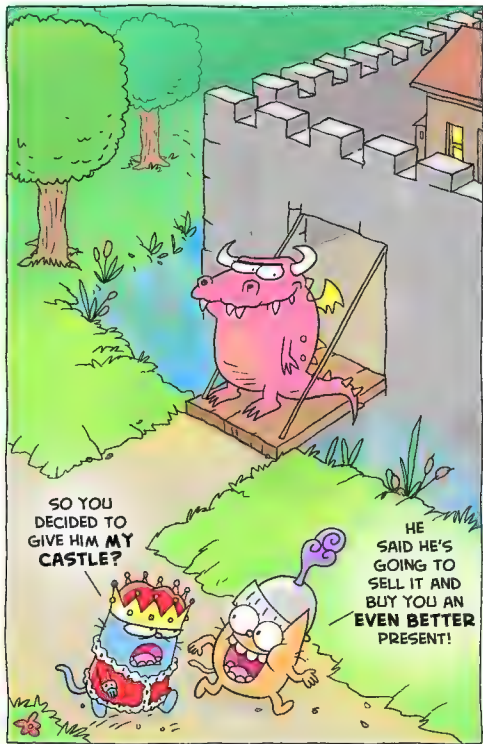
BUT ONLY SO
I COULD BUY
HIM SOMETHING
NICE FOR HIS
BIRTHDAY—



AAAWWW!

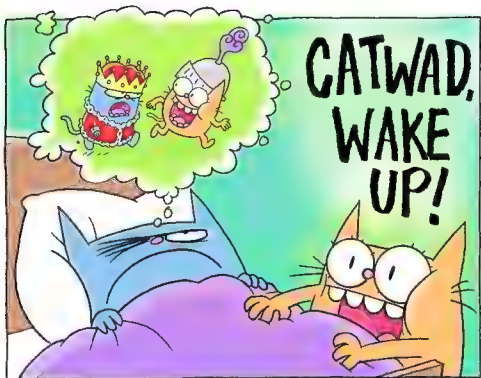


THAT'S
SO
SWEET!

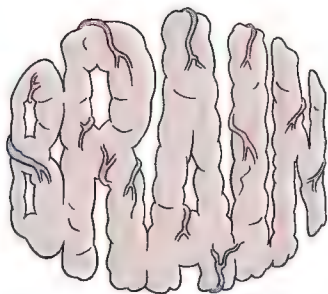


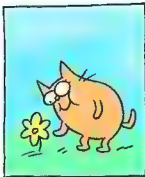
SO YOU
DECIDED TO
GIVE HIM MY
CASTLE?

HE
SAID HE'S
GOING TO
SELL IT AND
BUY YOU AN
EVEN BETTER
PRESENT!

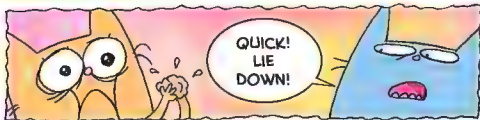




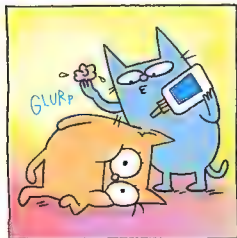




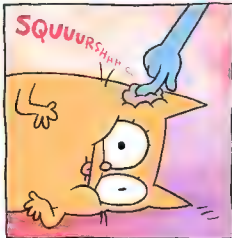
CATWAD! MY BRAIN
FELL OUT!!!



QUICK!
LIE
DOWN!

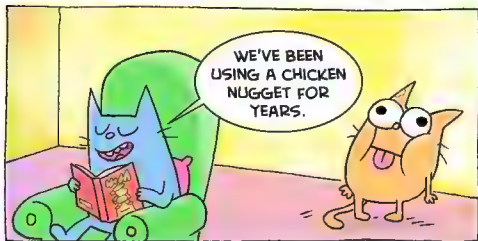


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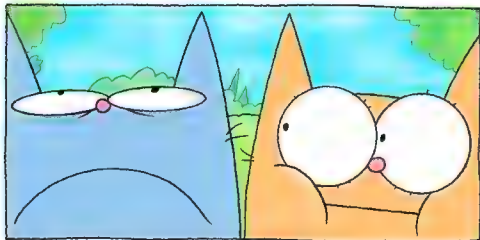
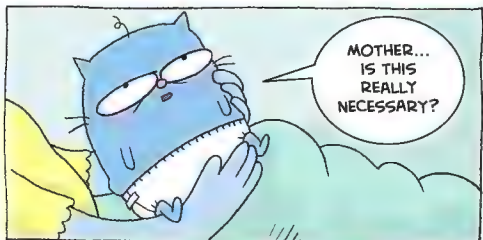


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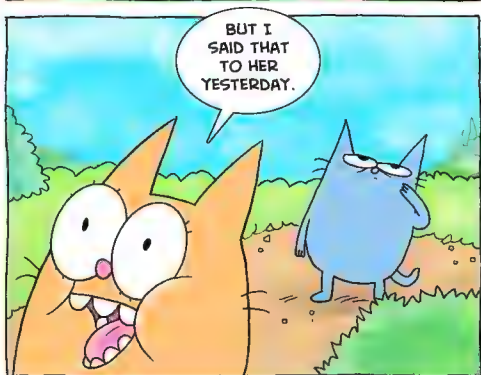
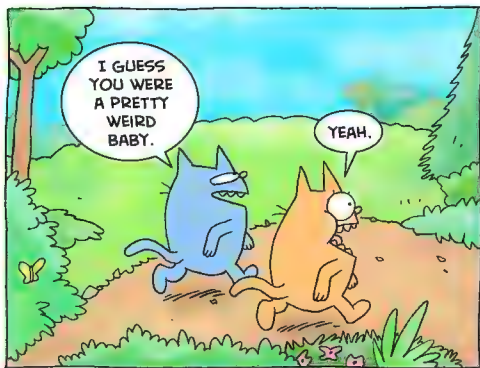




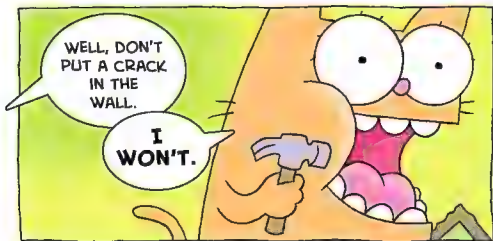
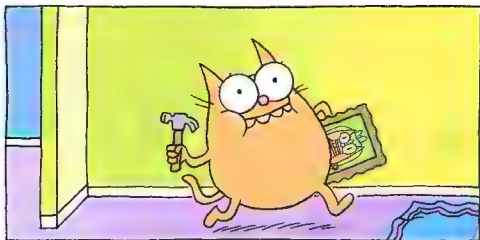
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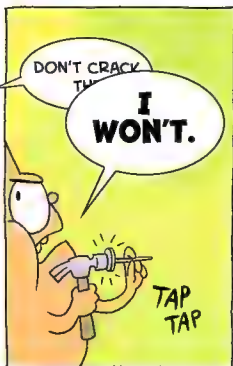






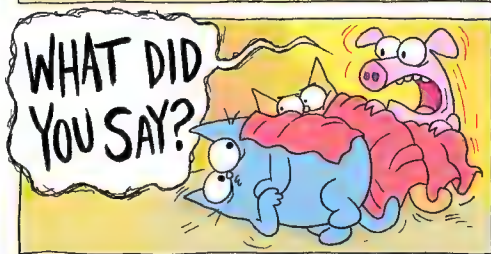
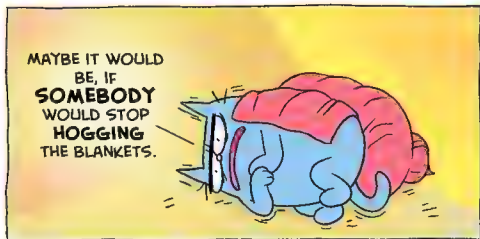
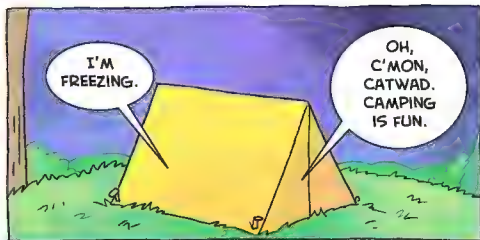
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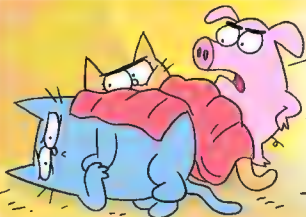
"HOGGING"
IS A VERY CRUEL
TERM TO PIGS.
YOU SHOULD
BE ASHAMED.



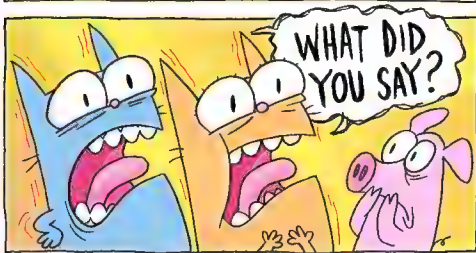
WHAT DO
YOU HAVE
TO SAY FOR
YOURSELF?

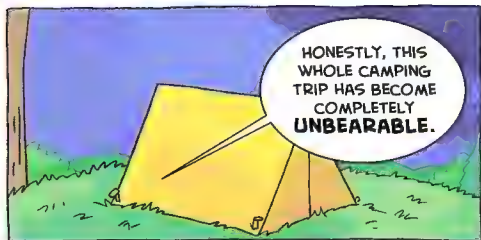
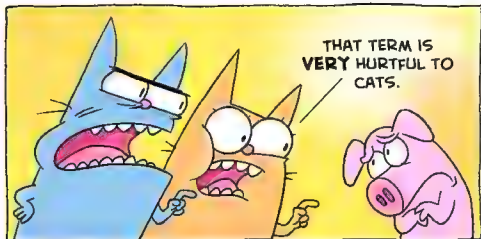
NOTHING?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

CAT GOT
YOUR
TONGUE?



WHAT DID
YOU SAY?





PER THE
PERFECT
DAY

HEY,
WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?

I INSTALLED A HIDDEN
SECURITY CAMERA TO
WATCH YOU.



WHY?



BECAUSE I DON'T
BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE
ALWAYS GROUCHY.

WELL,
I AM.



LET'S JUST SEE
ABOUT THAT...





BUT RIGHT HERE, YOU
LOOKED AT YOUR WATCH
AND **SMILED**.



HOW DO YOU
EXPLAIN THAT?
Hmmm? Hmmm?
Hmmmmmmm?



WHEN I LOOKED AT
MY WATCH, I REALIZED
I HAD BEEN GROUCHY
FOR AN
ENTIRE DAY.

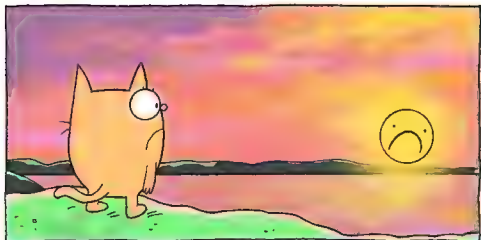


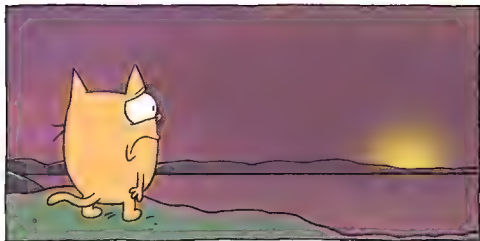
OF COURSE
THAT MADE
ME HAPPY.



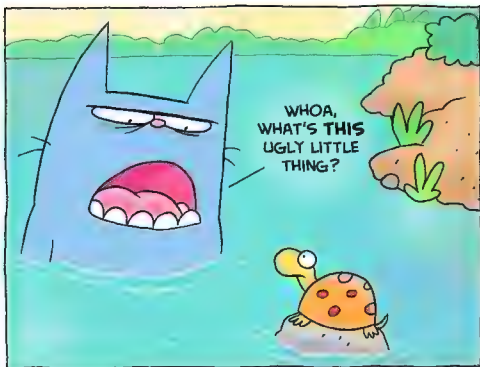


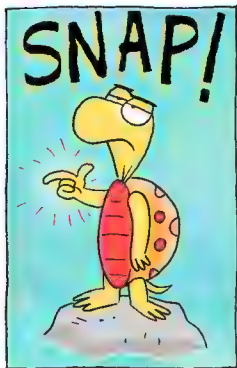




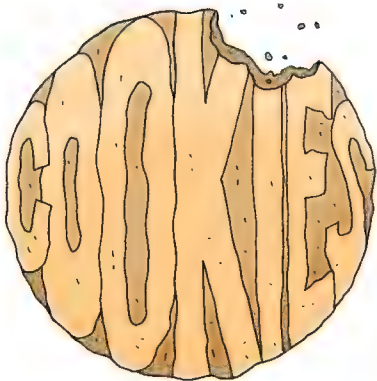


OH
SNAP









HEY, CATWAD,
YOU WANT A
COOKIE?



NO THANKS.
I'M TRYING TO
LOSE SOME
WEIGHT.



BUT THEY ONLY HAVE
ONE CALORIE.



REALLY?



YUP! IT SAYS
SO RIGHT HERE!



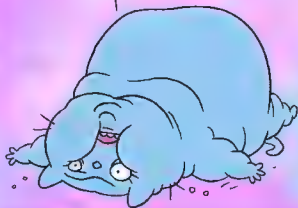
OH.
WAIT.



PLOOMP!

BLURMP!
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE
TO ME?

I'M SO
SORRY!
WHAT CAN
I DO?

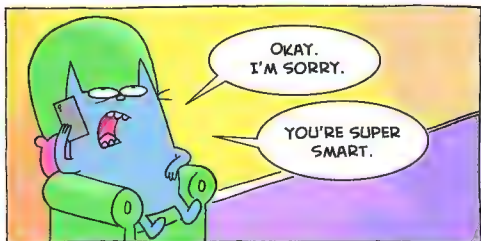
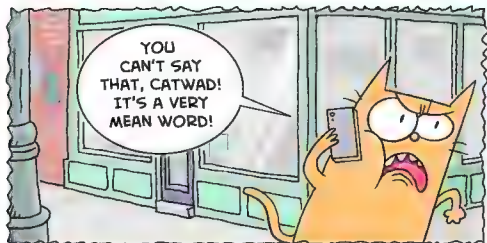


WELL...HOW ABOUT
IF YOU LET ME
GET ONE MORE
OF THOSE **AWESOME**
COOKIES.

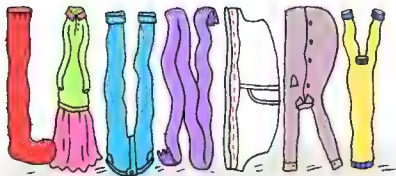


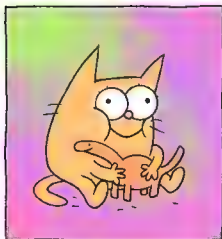
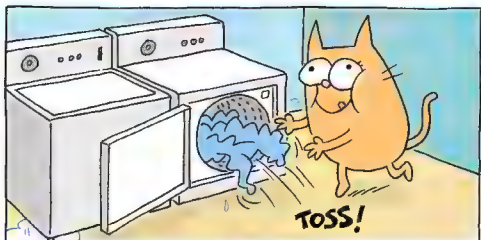
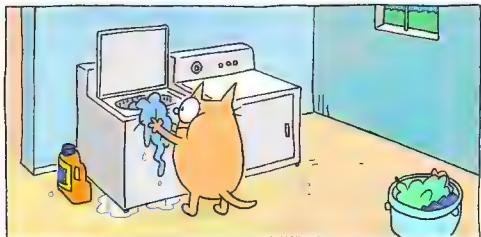












I PUT
IT IN
THE
DRYER.

DID YOU
DRY IT ON
THE HIGH
SETTING?

I DON'T
KNOW.

WHY?

BECAUSE IF YOU
DRY IT ON HIGH
YOU CAN
SHRINK IT.

THEN I
DIDN'T
DO THAT.

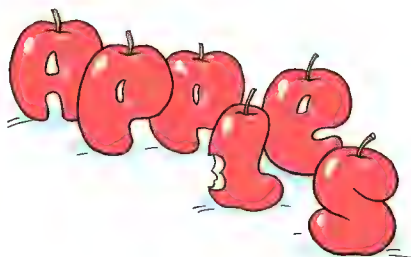
ARE
YOU
SURE?

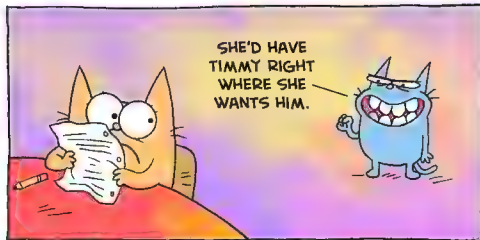
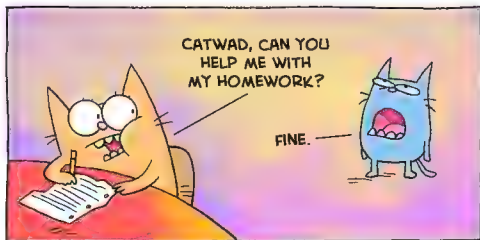
YES!



HOW MANY
TIMES DO I
HAVE TO
TELL YOU?

I DIDN'T
DO
THAT!





BECAUSE NOW TIMMY
OWES HER.

AND SHE CAN ASK
HIM FOR A
FAVOR ANYTIME
SHE WANTS.



MAYBE TIMMY WILL
GET A CALL FROM
HER IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT.

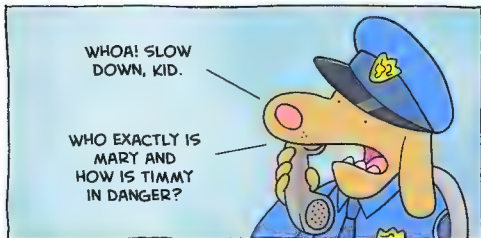
AND SHE'LL TELL
HIM HE HAS
TO DO SOMETHING.



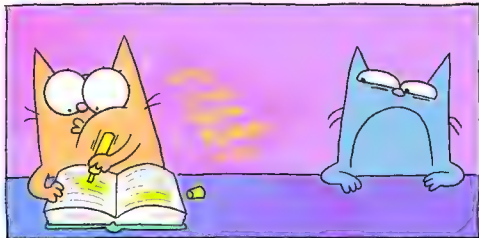
MAYBE IT'S
NOT EVEN LEGAL.

BUT HE OWES
HER AND HE CAN'T
REFUSE.





highlighter

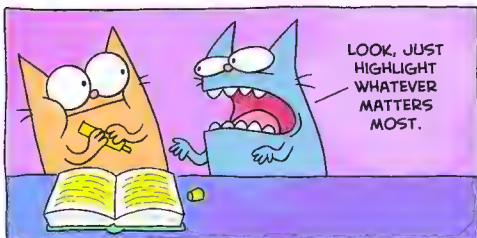




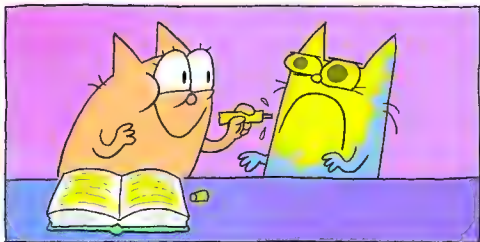
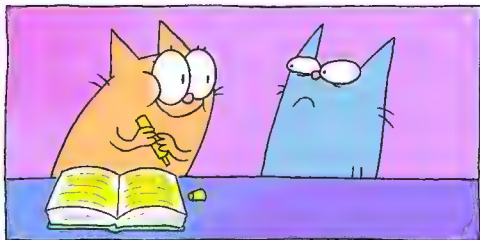
ARE YOU
HIGHLIGHTING
EVERY
SINGLE
WORD
IN THE
BOOK?



WELL, I DON'T
WANT ANY OF THE
WORDS TO FEEL
LIKE THEY'RE
NOT IMPORTANT.



LOOK, JUST
HIGHLIGHT
WHATEVER
MATTERS
MOST.



INK



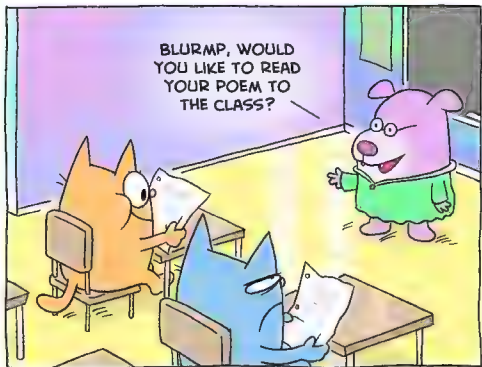


Well, we still
have crayons...

But
For how
long?



poetry



*The world
is nice,
from north,
to south.
I'd like to kiss,
it on the mouth.*

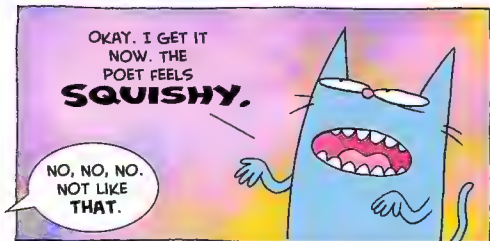
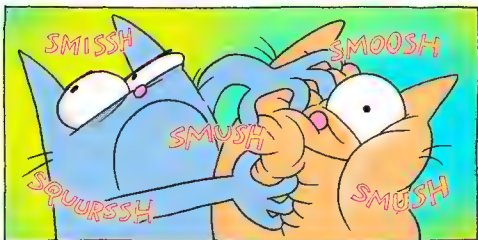
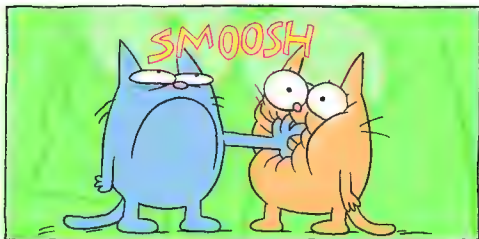


WOOOOOO!
THAT POEM
REALLY STINKS!



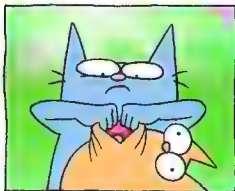
CATWAD!
BEFORE YOU
JUDGE A POEM,
YOU SHOULD
KNOW HOW THE
POET FEELS.

OKAY.



I MEAN, HOW DOES
THE POET FEEL **INSIDE**?

OH. **INSIDE.**



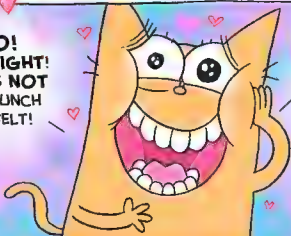
INSIDE, THE POET FEELS
LIKE **CHEWED-UP TACO.**



EEWW.
ALL YOU DID WAS
FEEL HIS LUNCH.



NO!
HE'S RIGHT!
THAT'S NOT
MY LUNCH
HE FELT!

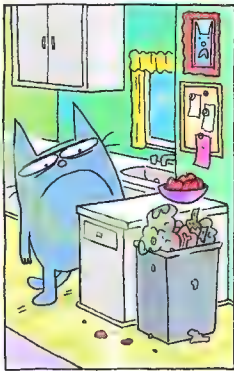


THAT'S
HOW I
REALLY
FEEL INSIDE.
I FEEL LIKE
CHEWED-UP
TACO.

LET'S GO, BLURMP. SOME
PEOPLE JUST DON'T
UNDERSTAND POETRY.

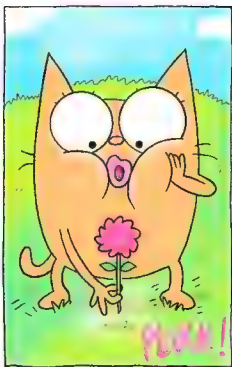


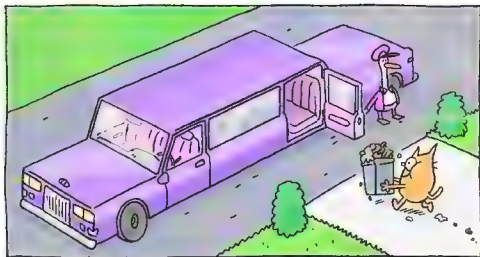
TRASH

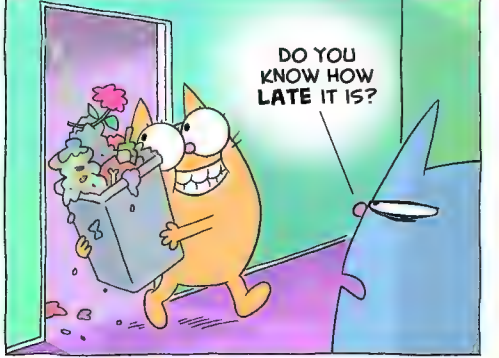


BLURMP!
WILL YOU
PLEASE TAKE
OUT THE
TRASH?





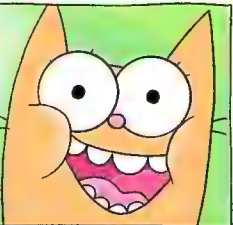


An orange cat is running towards the left, carrying a grey trash can filled with various items like a pink flower, a green plant, and some crumpled paper. It has a wide, happy grin. A blue cat is partially visible on the right, looking towards the orange cat.

DO YOU
KNOW HOW
LATE IT IS?

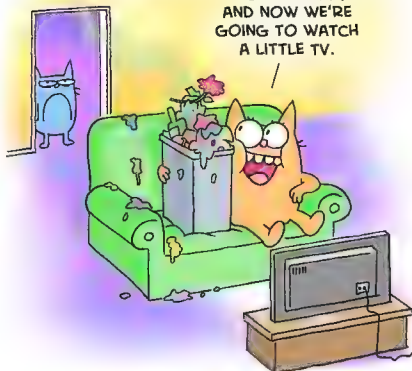
A close-up of the blue cat's face. It has a very angry expression, with wide, staring eyes and a large, open mouth showing sharp teeth and a pink tongue.

WHERE WERE
YOU?

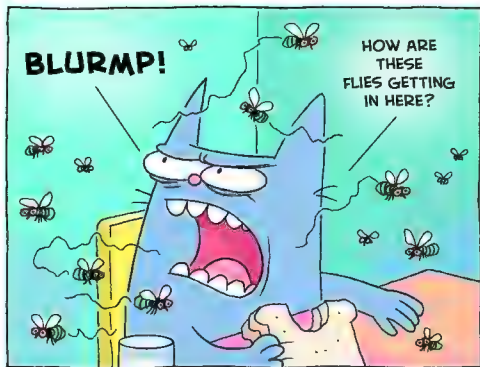
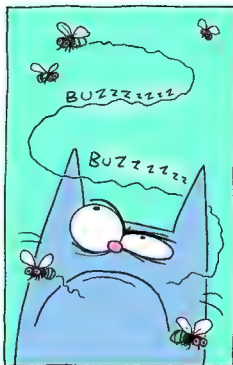
A close-up of the orange cat's face. It has a very happy expression, with wide, round eyes and a large, open mouth showing sharp teeth and a pink tongue.

I TOOK
THE TRASH OUT,
JUST LIKE
YOU ASKED.

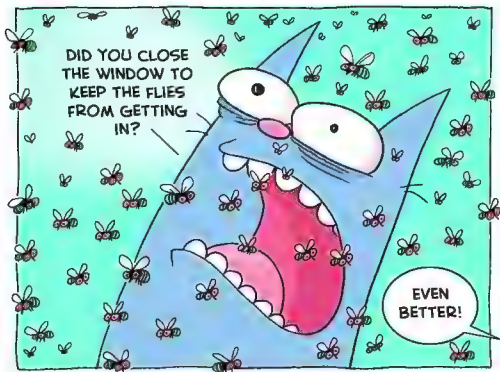
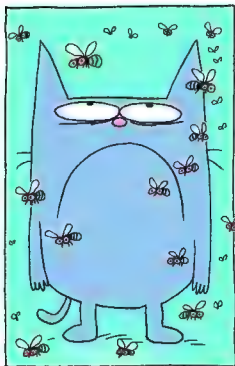
WE HAD
A GREAT TIME,
AND NOW WE'RE
GOING TO WATCH
A LITTLE TV.

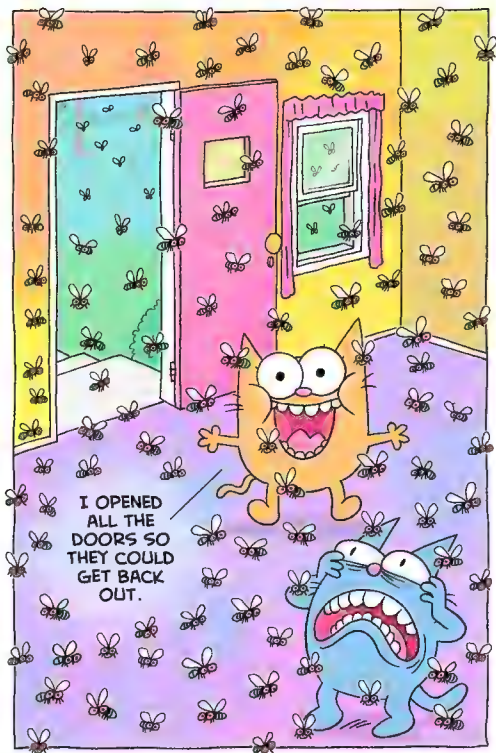






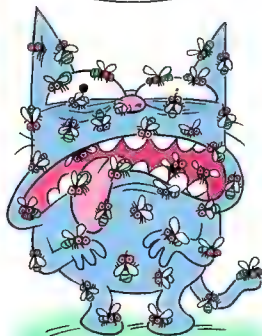






AREN'T THEY
ADORABLE?

THEY'RE ATTRACTED
TO YOU BECAUSE
YOU'RE SO SWEET!



EVERYBODY
KNOWS





GREAT. HE LEFT
THE DOOR OPEN.

